Utah Energy Forum

Presented by The Office of Utah Governor's Energy Advisor

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Tuesday December 9th
*State Auditorium, State Capitol
7:45 AM to 9:55 AM

Topic: Utah's High Priority Resource

Moving Energy Efficiency to the Front Burner

Energy efficiency has seen a significant gain in popularity in recent years. It is prominently mentioned as a high priority resource in essentially every energy and climate change policy discussion on state, national and international levels.

Energy efficiency is a viable energy resource that can be developed like other conventional energy sources; it is the quickest, easiest, most affordable and least controversial resource to put into operation. And, energy efficiency is big business. There is an increasing national dialogue about just how far efficiency can take us toward meeting our future energy needs.

What if *deep* energy efficiency could not only meet future non-transportation needs but reduce the total energy we use? Not just level the growth, but actually turn it negative? All this, while also benefitting the economy and our quality of life? This forum will explore feasibility, economics and pathways that might get us there.

*The State Auditorium in located in the State Office Building (the building to the north in the Capitol Hill Complex). Parking is located to the north of the Capitol Complex and there is visitor parking in front. You are strongly encouraged to take public transportation, carpool, or walk as parking can sometimes be limited.

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Agenda

7:45 - 8:00 Breakfast

8:00 - 8:05 Introduction & Welcome

Jason Perry, Governor's Office of Economic Development

8:05 - 8:15 Legislative Update

Rep. Roger Barrus (Invited)

8:15 - 8:25 Panel Opening and Introduction

Kevin Emerson, Utah Clean Energy

8:25 – 8:45 Energy Efficiency is Big Business – Utah's Energy Efficiency Potential

Patrick Keegan, Ecos

What is the real potential for energy efficiency to meet future energy needs? Can we realistically reduce energy use? Vermont is at zero load growth due to efficiency investments and projected to go negative. What are other states' goals? What do their energy efficiency assessments say? Are we assessing the full potential of efficiency? Are we achieving all we can?

8:45 - 9:05 Barriers and Overcoming Them

Wayne Shirley, Regulatory Assistance Project

Closing the gap between technical potential, economic potential and achievable potential by removing policy level barriers and creating incentives. How to deal with resource and implementation constraints and the 'supply side' bias?

9:05 – 9:25 What's in it For Utah? Solutions and Examples

Mark Case, ETC Group

Beyond the environmental and risk reduction benefits, how big is the energy efficiency market in Utah? How much is currently being spent by utilities directly and by their customers? How much energy is being saved? What is being planned? What are some showcase energy efficiency projects? How many jobs can be supported by the energy efficiency industry?

9:35 - 9:50 Q&A

9:50 Closing remarks

Kevin Emerson, Utah Clean Energy